

California

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Federal Election Deadlines

	State Primary June 3, 2014	General Election November 4, 2014
Registration	May 19, 2014	October 20, 2014
Ballot Request	May 27, 2014	October 28, 2014
Ballot Return	8 PM, June 3, 2014	8 PM, November 4, 2014

These are not mailing deadlines. Please mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the recommended mailing dates section in Chapter 1 for details.

Important information

How can I register to vote as a military or overseas voter?	Fill out and return the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to your local elections office. This form allows you to register to vote and identifies you as a voter covered by UOCAVA (Federal law providing special protections). You can also fill out an FPCA at RegisterToVote.ca.gov .
What is my voting residence?	The place you consider your true, fixed and permanent home.
Do I need to claim a political party to vote in primary elections?	No, except for Presidential primary elections.
How can I submit my FPCA?	By mail or fax. You can also fill out an FPCA online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov
How often must I submit my FPCA?	The FPCA is good for four regularly scheduled general elections or whenever you need to update your information.
If I am currently registered to vote, how may I request an absentee ballot?	Fill out and return the FPCA to your local elections official. You can also fill out an FPCA at RegisterToVote.ca.gov to request your absentee ballot.
How can I return my voted ballot or Federal Write-In Ballot (FWAB)?	By mail or fax. Fax is only permitted if you live outside the territorial limits of the U.S.
What must I do to use the FWAB and can I use the FWAB to vote in State and local elections?	If you are registered to vote and have previously requested your ballot, you may use the FWAB to vote any time before an election. The FWAB may be used for registration, ballot request and voting all elections for Federal, State and local offices and ballot measures.
I am an American citizen, but I have never lived in the U.S., can I register to vote in this State?	Yes.
Will I need a notary or witness for my FPCA or FWAB?	No.
Where can I find information about the candidates and/or other items that will be on my ballot?	To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to voterguide.sos.ca.gov/ .

Registering and requesting your absentee ballot

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all elections held until the voter fails to return an executed ballot in four consecutive statewide general elections. You may also register and request your absentee ballot online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

Complete the following blocks of the FPCA

Block 1	Select the category that describes you.
Block 2	Enter your political party preference. If you do not wish to provide a party preference, enter "no party preference." In Presidential primary elections only, California law allows voters who have declined to provide a party preference to vote a party ballot at a primary election if the political party allows it. Find out which political parties allow this at www.sos.ca.gov . If you want to change your political party preference, submit a completed FPCA (by mail, fax or online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov) indicating your new party preference to the local elections official no later than 15 days before the election.
Block 3	Name (Last, First, Middle).
Block 4	Date of birth. Your valid California Driver License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number are required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, California will assign a number that will serve to identify you for voting purposes only.
Block 5	Recommended. Provide your contact information to allow your local elections official to follow up if more information is required.
Block 6	California allows you to receive the blank ballot by mail, email or fax. Some counties also offer downloadable online blank ballots. Check the county listing at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm to see what options your

county offers.

Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. If you choose to have your ballot emailed or faxed to you, provide your email address or fax number in Block 5. If you do not make a selection, your local elections official will mail your ballot to you.

Block 7	Complete street address of your California voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.
Block 8	Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now, even if you are requesting your ballot electronically.
Block 9	Provide any information that may assist the local elections official in accepting this application.
Affirmation	Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

How and where to submit your FPCA

California allows you to submit the FPCA by mail or fax. You can also fill out an FPCA online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to your local elections office. Addresses can be found at [http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm) or at the end of this section.

If you choose to fax your FPCA, it is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local elections official. Fax numbers can be found at [http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm) or at the end of this section.

You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use ETS, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at FVAP.gov, and fax to: (703) 696-2148, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at FVAP.gov.

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local elections office. Contact information can be found at [http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm)

[ons/elections_mov.htm](#) or at the end of this section. Your jurisdiction will contact you regarding the status of your application.

Other ballot request methods

Ballot request if recalled to Service

If you are unable to appear at your polling place because of being recalled to service after the absentee ballot request deadline, but before 5 pm PT on the day before the election, you may request an absentee ballot at your local elections office.

Late registration

Military and overseas voters who have been released from military service and who return to their county of residence after the registration deadline may apply for registration at their local elections office. Military personnel must provide documentary proof that their release was after the registration deadline.

Voting by citizens who have never lived in the U.S.

A U.S. citizen who was born abroad, who is eligible to vote, and who has not previously registered to vote in any other State may register and vote in the California county where a parent or legal guardian would be eligible to register and vote.

Voting your ballot

Voted ballots must be received by the local elections office by 8 p.m. PT on Election Day. Postmarks do not count.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots. California law does not allow for return of voted ballots by email.

Military and overseas voters living outside the territorial limits of the U.S. may return the voted ballot and signed return envelope by mail or fax in accordance with the instructions sent with the ballot. You must include a signed return envelope which includes a voter's declaration. If you choose to fax your voted ballot, you must also include an Oath of Voter form waiving your right to secrecy. After you have faxed your voted ballot, signed return envelope, and signed oath, you are encouraged to also return your voted ballot and signed return envelope by mail or in person.

Military and overseas voters living within the territorial limits of the U.S. must return the voted ballot and signed return envelope by mail.

Overseas Uniformed Service members and their eligible family members with access to the Military Postal Service may use the "Prepaid Expedited Mail Label 11-DOD." This label is available at APO/FPO locations and can only be used for the General Election. It provides expedited mail service up to seven days prior to the election. You can return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

Tracking your ballot

You may track the status of your ballot at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status.

Haven't received your ballot? Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

California allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration, ballot request and voting all elections for Federal, State and local offices and ballot measures.

Complete the following blocks of the FWAB's voter declaration/affirmation

Block 1	California allows you to use this form for registration. It must be submitted no later than 15 days prior to the election.
Block 2	Select the category that describes you.
Block 3	Name (Last, First, Middle).
Block 4	Date of birth. Your valid California Driver License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number are required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, California will assign a number that will serve to identify you for voting purposes only.
Block 5	Recommended. Provide your contact information to allow your local elections official to follow up if more information is required.
Block 6	Enter your political party preference. If you do not wish to provide a party preference, enter "no party preference." In Presidential primary elections only, California law allows voters who have declined to provide a

party preference to vote a party ballot at a primary election if the political party allows it. Find out which political parties allow this at www.sos.ca.gov.

Block 7	Complete street address of your California voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.
Block 8	Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now, even if you are requesting your ballot electronically.
Block 9	Provide any information that may assist the local elections official in accepting this ballot or application.
Affirmation	Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

Vote your FWAB

To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to voterguide.sos.ca.gov/. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation.

How and where to submit your FWAB

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form, ballot request form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local elections office no later than 15 days before the election.

If you are already registered and are using the FWAB simultaneously as a ballot request form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local elections office no later than 7 days before the election.

If you are already registered and are using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be received by the local elections office no later than 8 pm on Election Day.

If you receive the State ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

If you choose to mail your FWAB, insert your voted ballot into the sealed security envelope. Place the security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into a mailing envelope and mail the envelope directly to your local elections office. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you are a Uniformed Service member, a dependent, or citizen outside the U.S. temporarily, you may choose to fax your FWAB; you must sign an oath waiving your right to cast the ballot secretly. You should fax back your voted ballot only if doing so is necessary for the ballot to be received no later than 8 pm on Election Day.

If you choose to fax your FWAB directly to your local elections official, fax numbers can be found at http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm. Include your voted ballot, Voter Declaration/Affirmation, and cover sheet with the secrecy waiver.

You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at FVAP.gov, and fax to: (703) 696-2148, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800- 368 -8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at FVAP.gov

Local election offices for county

If you cannot find information for your jurisdiction, please click on the [LEO Search](#) to find contact information.

County	Mailing Address
Alameda	Alameda Registrar of Voters 1225 Fallon Street, Room G1 Oakland, CA 94612-4229 Phone: 510-272-6973 Fax: 510-272-6982 Email: lolita.francisco@acgov.org
Alpine	Alpine County Clerk, Registrar of Voters PO Box 158 Markleeville, CA 96120-0158 Phone: 530-694-2281 Fax: 530-694-2491 Email: bhoward@alpinecountyca.gov
Amador	Amador Registrar of Voters 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642-2132 Phone: 209-2236465 Fax: 209-223-6467 Email: elections@amadorgov.org
Butte	Butte County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 25 County Center Drive, Ste 110 Oroville, CA 95965-3361 Phone: 530-538-7762 Fax: 530-538-6853 Email: elections@buttecounty.net

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Calaveras	Calaveras County Clerk, Elections Department 891 Mountain Ranch Road San Andreas, CA 95249-9713 Phone: 209-754-6375 Fax: 209-754-6733 Email: RTurner@co.calaveras.ca.us	Humboldt	Humboldt County Clerk-Elections 3033 H Street, Room 20 Eureka, CA 95501-4409 Phone: 707-445-7678 Fax: 707-445-7204 Email: ksanders@co.humboldt.ca.us
Colusa	Colusa County Clerk-Elections Department 546 Jay Street, Ste. 200 Colusa, CA 95932-2400 Phone: 530-458-0500 Fax: 530-458-0512 Email: csu@countyofcolusa.org	Imperial	Imperial County Clerk, Courthouse 940 W. Main Street, Room 206 El Centro, CA 92243-2839 Phone: 760-482-4226 Fax: 760-337-4182 Email: janehurtado@co.imperial.ca.us
Contra Costa	Contra Costa County Clerk - Elections Department PO Box 271 Martinez, CA 94553-0027 Phone: 925-335-7800 Fax: 925-335-7843 Email: voter.services@vote.cccounty.us	Inyo	Inyo County Clerk-Elections 168 N. Edwards PO Drawer F Independence, CA 93526-0606 Phone: 760-878-0224 Fax: 760-878-1805 Email: kfoote@inyocounty.us
Del Norte	Del Norte County Clerk-Recorder-Elections 981 H Street Room 160 Crescent City, CA 95531-3457 Phone: 707-464-7216 Fax: 707-465-0321 Email: smealue@co.del-norte.ca.us	Kern	Kern County Clerk - Elections Office 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639 Phone: 661-868-3590 Fax: 661-868-3768 Email: barnetta@co.kern.ca.us
El Dorado	El Dorado Registrar of Voters 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667-4100 Phone: 530-621-7480 Fax: 530-626-5514 Email: edced@edcgov.us	Kings	Kings County Elections Dept., Govt. Center 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard Hanford, CA 93230-5997 Phone: 559-582-3211 Fax: 559-585-8453 Email: rachelle.simas@co.kings.ca.us
Fresno	Fresno County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 2221 Kern Street Fresno, CA 93721-2613 Phone: 559-600-8683 Fax: 559-488-3279 Email: vnajera@co.fresno.ca.us	Lake	Lake County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 255 N. Forbes Street Lakeport, CA 95453-4747 Phone: 707-263-2372 Fax: 707-263-2742 Email: dianef@co.lake.ca.us
Glenn	Glenn County Clerk-Elections 516 W. Sycamore Street, 2nd floor Willows, CA 95988-2740 Phone: 530-934-6414 Fax: 530-934-6571 Email: lteeter@countyofglenn.net	Lassen	Lassen County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 220 S. Lassen Street, Ste. 5 Susanville, CA 96130-4343 Phone: 530-251-8217 Fax: 530-257-3480 Email: lcclerk@co.lassen.ca.us

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Los Angeles	Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder County Clerk 12400 Imperial Highway Norwalk, CA 90650-8357 Phone: 562-466-1323 Fax: 562-864-2394 562-462-3035 Email: militaryoverseasav@rrcc.lacounty.gov
Madera	Madera County Clerk-Elections 200 W. 4th Street Madera, CA 93637-3548 Phone: 559-675-7720 Fax: 559-675-7870 Email: ssibley@co.madera.ca.gov
Marin	Marin County Registrar of Voters P. O. Box E San Rafael, CA 94903-4183 Phone: 415-473-6441 Fax: 415-473-4224 855-473-8683 Email: dbelben@marincounty.org
Mariposa	Mariposa County Clerk, Registrar of Voters PO Box 247 Mariposa, CA 95338-0247 Phone: 209-966-2007 Fax: 209-966-6496 Email: cprogner@mariposacounty.org
Mendocino	Mendocino County Clerk-Elections 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020 Ukiah, CA 95482-3738 Phone: 707-463-4371 Fax: 707-463-4257 Email: bartolok@co.mendocino.ca.us
Merced	Merced County Clerk-Elections 2222 M Street, Room 14 Merced, CA 95340-3729 Phone: 209-385-7511 x7541 Fax: 209-385-7541 Email: smachado@co.merced.ca.us
Modoc	Modoc County Clerk-Elections 204 South Court Street Alturas, CA 96101-4020 Phone: 530-233-6201 Fax: 530-233-6205 Email: darcylocken@co.modoc.ca.us
Mono	Mono County Clerk-Elections Library Bldg. 74 School St. Annex 1 Bridgeport, CA 93517 Phone: 760-932-5537 Fax: 760-932-5531 Email: lromero@mono.ca.gov

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Monterey	Monterey County Elections 1370 S. Main St. # B Salinas, CA 93901-2109 Phone: 831-796-1499 Fax: 831-755-5485 Email: elections@co.monterey.ca.us
Napa	Napa County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 2751 Napa Valley Corporate Dr Napa, CA 94558 Phone: 707-299-1470 Fax: 707-253-4390 Email: elections@co.napa.ca.us
Nevada	Nevada County Clerk - Elections 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959-8600 Phone: 530-470-2740 Fax: 530-265-9829 Email: gail.smith@co.nevada.ca.us
Orange	Orange County Registrar of Voters 1300 S. Grand Ave Bldg. C Santa Ana, CA 92705-4434 Phone: 714-567-7560 Fax: 714-567-7556 Email: jessica.castaneda@rov.ocgov.com
Placer	Placer County Registrar of Voters 2956 Richardson Dr. Auburn, CA 95604-2640 Phone: 530-886-5650 Fax: 530-886-5688 Email: vote@placer.ca.gov
Plumas	Plumas County Clerk - Elections 520 Main Street, Room 102 Quincy, CA 95971-9366 Phone: 530-283-6256 Fax: 530-283-6155 Email: marcydemartile@countyofplumas.com
Riverside	Riverside Registrar of Voters 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507-0918 Phone: 951-486-7200 Fax: 951-486-7272 Email: rovweb@co.riverside.ca.us
Sacramento	Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections 7000 65th Street Sacramento, CA 95823-2315 Phone: 916-875-6451 Fax: 916-876-5597 Email: voterinfo@saccounty.net

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San Benito	San Benito County Clerk, Court House 440 Fifth Street, Room 206 Hollister, CA 95023-3843 Phone: 831-636-4016 Fax: 831-636-2939 Email: acurro@cosb.us	Santa Clara	Santa Clara Registrar of Voters 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2 San Jose, CA 95112-2716 Phone: 408-282-3016 Fax: 408-293-6002 Email: matt.moreles@rov.sccgov.org
San Bernardino	San Bernardino Registrar of Voters 777 E. Rialto Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415-0770 Phone: 909-387-8300 Fax: 909-386-8388 Email: mailballots@sbcountyelections.com	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz County Clerk - Elections 701 Ocean Street, Room 210 Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4076 Phone: 831-454-2409 Fax: 831-454-2445 Email: tricia.webber@co.santa-cruz.ca.us
San Diego	San Diego Registrar of Voters 5600 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123-1271 Phone: 858-505-7318 Fax: 858-505-7293 Email: Carolyn.Twichel@sdcounty.ca.gov	Shasta	Shasta County Clerk-Elections 1643 Market Street Redding, CA 96001-1022 Phone: 530-225-5730 Fax: 530-225-5454 Email: ahagerman@co.shasta.ca.us
San Francisco	San Francisco Elections, City Hall - 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4608 Phone: 415-554-4411 Fax: 415-554-4372 Email: Demetri.Chames@sfgov.org	Sierra	Sierra County Clerk-Recorders Office 100 Courthouse Square Downieville, CA 95936-0398 Phone: 530-289-3295 Fax: 530-289-2830 Email: clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ws
San Joaquin	San Joaquin Registrar of Voters 44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 350 Stockton, CA 95202-2924 Phone: 209-468-2890 Fax: 209-468-9534 Email: apayne@sjgov.org	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County Clerk-Elections 510 N. Main St. Yreka, CA 96097-9910 Phone: 530-842-8086 Fax: 530-841-4110 Email: colleen@sisqvotes.org
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Elections 1055 Monterey Street, Room D120 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-1003 Phone: 805-781-5228 Fax: 805-781-1111 Email: Lzohns@co.slo.ca.us	Solano	Solano Registrar of Voters 675 Texas Street, Suite 2600 Fairfield, CA 94533-6338 Phone: 707-784-6675 Fax: 707-784-6678 Email: cmcooper@solanocounty.com
San Mateo	San Mateo County Clerk - Elections 40 Tower Road San Mateo, CA 94402-4098 Phone: 650-312-5222 Fax: 650-312-5348 Email: mdubroff@smcare.org	Sonoma	Sonoma County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 4345 Fiscal Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2820 Phone: 707-565-6800 Fax: 707-565-6843 Email: debbie.justice@sonoma-county.org
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara County Clerk-Elections, PO Box 61510 Santa Barbara, CA 93160-1510 Phone: 805-568-2200 Fax: 805-568-2209 Email: arichey@co.santa-barbara.ca.us		

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Stanislaus	Stanislaus County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 1021 I Street, Suite 101 Modesto, CA 95354-2331 Phone: 209-525-5201 Fax: 209-525-5803 Email: voteinfo@stancounty.com	Yuba	Yuba County Clerk 915 8th Street, Suite 107 Marysville, CA 95901-5273 Phone: 530-749-7855 Fax: 530-749-7854 Email: dhillegass@co.yuba.ca.us
Sutter	Sutter County Clerk-Elections 1435 Veterans Memorial Circle Yuba City, CA 95993-3011 Phone: 530-822-7122 Fax: 530-822-7587 Email: wasmith@co.sutter.ca.us		
Tehama	Tehama County Clerk-Elections P.O. Box 250 Red Bluff, CA 96080-0250 Phone: 530-527-8190 Fax: 530-527-1140 Email: jvise@co.tehama.ca.us		
Trinity	County Clerk - Elections PO Box 1215 Weaverville, CA 96093-1258 Phone: 530-623-1220 Fax: 530-623-8398 Email: elections@trinitycounty.org		
Tulare	County Registrar of Voters 5951 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277-9394 Phone: 559-624-7300 Fax: 559-737-4498 Email: mcypert@co.tulare.ca.us		
Tuolumne	County Clerk - Elections 2 South Green Street Sonora, CA 95370-4696 Phone: 209-533-5570 Fax: 209-694-8931 Email: drussell@co.tuolumne.ca.us		
Ventura	Ventura County Clerk-Elections 800 S. Victoria Avenue, L-1200 Ventura, CA 93009-1200 Phone: 805-654-2734 Fax: 805-648-9200 Email: christina.valenzuela@ventura.org		
Yolo	Yolo County Clerk-Registration 625 Court Street, Room B 05 Woodland, CA 95695-3475 Phone: 530-666-8133 Fax: 530-666-8123 Email: cntyclrk@yoloelections.org		

